

physically handicapped on the basis of their demonstrated abilities; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved on August 11, 1945 (59 Stat. 530), designated the first week in October of each year as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, and requested the President to issue a suitable proclamation inviting Nation-wide support of programs calling for full opportunity for physically handicapped men and women in employment:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of our Nation to observe the week beginning October 7, 1951, as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, and to cooperate with the President's Committee on National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week in carrying out the purposes of the aforementioned joint resolution of Congress. I also call upon the Governors of States, the mayors of municipalities, and other public officials, as well as leaders of industry and labor, of civic, veterans', agricultural, women's, and fraternal organizations, and of other groups representative of our national life, to lend their assistance and encouragement in the observance of the designated week, in order to enlist public interest in and support of programs for the employment of the physically handicapped.

Observance of week beginning Oct. 7, 1951, as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 17th day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-sixth.

HARRY S TRUMAN

By the President:

JAMES E WEBB

Acting Secretary of State

COLUMBUS DAY, 1951

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

August 23, 1951
[No. 2940]

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over four and a half centuries ago, Christopher Columbus, with undaunted courage, traversed the uncharted Atlantic and discovered a new world; and

WHEREAS the saga of his exploits has stirred the imagination of men throughout the centuries and has inspired many other quests for larger horizons; and

WHEREAS, in the present century, the new and old worlds, to whose unity Christopher Columbus contributed so much, are striving toward further unity through the closer association of free peoples; and

WHEREAS in the exploration of uncharted ways toward such unity we may take guidance from the life and deeds of Christopher Columbus; and

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, by a joint resolution approved April 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 657), authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating October 12 of each year as Columbus Day:

Designation of Oct.
12, 1951, as Columbus
Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, by this proclamation designate Friday, October 12, 1951, as Columbus Day, and I direct the appropriate officials to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day. I also invite the people of this country to observe the day with ceremonies designed to honor the discoverer of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-sixth.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

By the President:

DEAN ACHESON

Secretary of State

August 23, 1951
[No. 2941]

GENERAL PULASKI'S MEMORIAL DAY, 1951

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS October 11, 1951, marks the one hundred and seventy-second anniversary of the death of Count Casimir Pulaski, a Polish patriot who attained the rank of Brigadier General in the Continental Army and laid down his life while fighting on American soil for the independence of our Nation; and

WHEREAS the passage of the years since General Pulaski's death has not dimmed the glory of his sacrifice or the luster of his fame; and

WHEREAS his selfless devotion to the cause of freedom stands today as a challenge to all men to work for freedom in all nations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite all Americans to observe Thursday, October 11, 1951, as General Pulaski's Memorial Day with ceremonies commemorative of his valorous contribution to the cause of freedom, and I direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all Government buildings on that day, in tribute to the memory of General Casimir Pulaski.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-sixth.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

By the President:

DEAN ACHESON

Secretary of State

Observance of Oct.
11, 1951, as General
Pulaski's Memorial
Day.